

Human Services Council Meeting  
Monday, September 16, 2013  
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Robert Gaudian	<i>Excused</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Rick Gonzalez	<i>Absent</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Excused</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
		Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
<b><u>Staff:</u></b>			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Brenda Gardiner, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>

**Other staff present:** Rosalyn Foroobar, Michelle Gregory, Jesse Ellis, George Braunstein, Nanette Bowler

**7:40 p.m. - Human Services Results Areas – Human Services System Update (Pat Harrison)** Deputy County Executive Harrison presented *“Building an Accountable Human Services System: Using a Results-based Accountability Framework.”* Pat provided an overview of “results-based accountability” in the context of the Council’s work over the past year and a half in focusing on the six strategic “results areas” in human services: Connected Individuals, Economic Self-Sufficiency, Healthy People, Positive Living for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities, Successful Children and Youth and Sustainable Housing.

Pat indicated that the entire human services system is working to create a web-based HS “Report Card” that will incorporate key findings from program and department performance measures. To support this effort, staff is creating a data repository for “SystemSTATs”, establishing a reporting framework for agency performance dashboards, and working to connect the community’s “Policy Teams” for each of the six strategic results areas. A key goal is to frame the six strategic results areas into a conversation on the financial investment profile for the system. This framework can be used to integrate system level strategic actions within agency specific strategic/annual work plans, and incorporate performance measures linked to the strategic results areas within contracted services (performance based contracts).

Pat highlighted that designated representatives from the Council are on each of the “policy teams” and will be represented on the SystemSTAT committees. The Council provides the Board of Supervisors with guidance regarding the advertised budget through its Budget Committee process. The Council will be able to link funding requests to issues identified within the six strategic result areas. The Community Education and Outreach Committee will support an accountable system through its ongoing sponsorship of training and community forums and dialogues with other boards and commissions and other community partners and residents.

Council member Jack Dobbyn asked Pat for examples of other jurisdictions that have been looking at performance at a program level and across systems. Michelle Gregory was requested to provide follow-up information to the Council on benchmarking performed and the jurisdictions the county staff reviewed as part of the development process. Council members were invited to attend the upcoming September 27<sup>th</sup> vendor forum on performance and results.

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Kevin Bell expressed appreciation for Pat's presentation and indicated it was an excellent overview to start this program year for the Council. In advance of the October meeting, Council members were requested to forward any additional questions regarding the materials to staff. Jerry Poje and Kevin Bell indicated that the Executive Committee members will continue the dialogue to determine how the RBA framework should inform the Council's work in reviewing resources for the county budget and how to engage the community in the post April-May-June time frame for continued intensive discussions regarding the six focus areas.

**Item 2 – 8:20 p.m. Successful Children and Youth Policy Team presentation (Jesse Ellis and Brenda Gardiner)**

Jesse Ellis provided a brief overview of the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT). Jack Dobbyn represents the HSC on this committee. The upcoming meeting of the SCYPT on September 25th will include a briefing on the following items: staff reviews of suicides in Fairfax County and youth behavioral health services.

Jesse presented information summarizing the findings of the report, which is posted on line at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/healthhuman/reports/suicide-in-fairfax-county.pdf>. Key Facts/Findings noted by the report included that Fairfax County's suicide rate, 7.9 per 100,000 persons from 2003 to 2011, has been consistently lower than state and national rates, both overall and when broken down by age group. The reported noted that in a county as large as Fairfax, even relatively low rates result in immense impacts. Eighty-two county residents commit suicide in an average year. Most years, between four and seven youth take their own lives; the youth rate, despite also being below state and national rates, remains unacceptable. The impact of suicide on families, friends, and communities is immeasurable. The SCYPT will be requested to adopt a policy to prioritize primary prevention activities that provide the best opportunities to prevent suicide and the risk factors that accompany it. Short term recommendations included the following:

- Formation of a Youth Suicide Review Team to review incidences of suicide in the county, analyze trends, and recommend to the Board programmatic and policy solutions to prevent future suicides;
- Development of a timetable for policy and funding decisions to improve the quality of the youth behavioral health services system and improve access to the system;
- Commitment to provide resources for primary prevention activities that provide the best opportunities to prevent suicide and the risk factors that accompany it; Identification of critical issues for elder suicide prevention that need to be addressed through the County's 50+ Action Plan, the Long Term Care Coordinating Council's Strategic Plan, or other initiatives;
- Direction regarding the reestablished countywide prevention coordination unit to incorporate specific suicide prevention strategies within their broader prevention plan, and to review population-level data,
- Identification of service gaps and other needs, and coordinate approaches among various stakeholders on a regular and ongoing basis; and
- Promotion of guidelines on suicide reporting to the local press.

Brenda Gardiner presented findings and recommendations from a staff review of youth behavioral health services in Fairfax County. On April 23, 2013, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed staff to identify requirements to address youth behavioral human services requirements in schools and the broader community. The work group was to include Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and the nonprofit community (including the Partnership for Youth) to identify the array of youth services that are necessary to address the most pressing needs within the community. The group was directed to focus on work already underway as part of the collaboration between the County and FCPS to identify the appropriate prevention, early intervention and treatment services that are necessary to deal with behavioral health issues and to best leverage the current services provided within the schools as well as more broadly in the

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community. Recommendations will be provided to the Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Funding of \$200,000 was held in reserve until the Board approves the recommendations for its use. Preliminary staff recommendations include the following:

1. Implement system changes to improve information sharing, best practices, collaboration, and accountability of the system.
2. Continue implementation of a “Systems of Care” approach – connect the continuum - across County, school, and community supports and services.
3. Develop and implement CSB Youth Services Division resource plan.
4. Review needs of youth served in multi-agency and co-located sites, including educational and treatment settings, with goal to best leverage supportive services, treatment and educational services to meet youth needs.
5. Expand the scope of the mental health promotion/wellness priorities within the Prevention Fund.
6. Improve access to behavioral health care for families with insurance and Medicaid.
7. Review policies on use of CSA non-mandated funding.

**Item 3 - Sequestration and Carryover Update** - Patricia Harrison identified recent budget reductions and impact to county residents in two key areas- Head Start funding and housing voucher services. Council members discussed the BOS sequestration reserve and potential uses to offset loss of federal funding for specific programs. Ron McDevitt provided copies of BOS carryover actions regarding sequestration and the potential revenue shortfalls that may result from congressional actions on the budget and debt ceiling. County staff updates will be provided to Council members as they are issued.

**Item 4 - Committee reports and Council member updates**

1. Policy Committee – Mark Deal has been appointed as co-chair of the Policy Committee, replacing Jerry Poje, who was elected HSC Vice-Chair.
2. Budget Committee – Steve Bloom noted that the committee will need to meet in prior to issuance of the County budget to prepare the schedule for Council and community input on the budget.
3. Education and Outreach Committee – Bill Kogler will move to the Policy Committee and will represent the council on the 50+ committee. Upcoming meeting dates for the committee are still being planned and will be announced at the next meeting. Kevin Bell reported that Bob Gaudian has identified GMU student resources to broadcast Council meeting for distribution on the web. The September 12, 2013 notes from the “Safe and Health Communities Committee” meeting of the 50+ initiative were distributed to Council members.
4. CCFAC- Stephanie Mensh and Carol Hawn – noted that the Consolidated Community Funding Pool analysis is continuing and the new Request for Proposals would be issued in September.
5. Health Care Collaborative – Kathleen Murphy - next meeting of the collaborative will be in October.

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**Announcements**

**25th Anniversary Proclamation honoring the Human Services Council** - Council members are invited to Tuesday, October 8, 2013 Board of Supervisors proclamation ceremony honoring current and former members of the Human Services Council, in recognition of its 25th anniversary year in service to the community. Recognition to begin at 8:30 a.m. Conference Center rooms 9 and 10, with proclamation ceremony at approximately 9:30 in BOS auditorium. Invitations to the event were sent via mail and email to current and former members, county staff, current and former staff support to the council, community leaders and legislators/former and current BOS members.

**Upcoming Council meetings** - Staff announced the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013. Tentative agenda:

1. Domestic Violence Fatality Review - Annual Report (Sandy Bromley)
2. Update on the Domestic Violence Action Center (Ina Fernandez/Sandy Bromley)
3. SafeSpot program overview (Denise Balzana, Bootsie Humenansky and Bridget Rainey)

The next HSC Executive Committee is scheduled for November 7, 2013. *(note: meeting was changed to November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, conference room 8, 7:30 p.m.)*

**Adjournment** – The Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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